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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S./THAI ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS

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1. AT LUNCHEON MEETING APRIL 11 ECON/CML COUNSELOR REVIEWED WITH DR. SNOH AND HIS ASSISTANT, MR. KASEM SNIDWONGSE, THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL A AND DREW ON CONTENTS REFTEL B AS WELL. HAD BEEN PLANNED TO INCLUDE IN MEETING NEW CHIEF OF ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT IN MFA, SAKOL VANABRIKSHA, AND SNOH'S SUCCESSOR IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CHARE CHUTHARATKUL, BUT COMMUNICATIONS APPARENTLY BROKE DOWN AND THEY DID NOT APPEAR. POINTS DISCUSSED WILL BE SUMMARIZED FOR THEM SUBSEQUENTLY.

2. SNOH PLEASED BY WASHINGTON'S RESPONSIVENESS TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR PERIODIC ECONOMIC DISCUSSION. AGREES THAT JUNE TOO SOON, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT RECENT VISITS OF WASHINGTON OFFICIALS TO BANGKOK AND RTG'S OWN NEEDS FOR TIME TO COORDINATE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED. AUTUMN IS CURRENTLY PREFERRED AS A TENTATIVE PERIOD, BUT WAS AGREED THAT DATE WOULD BE HELD IN PENDING CATEGORY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME BEING. IN ADDITION, WAS REAFFIRMED FROM U.S. SIDE

THAT EMBASSY OFFICIALS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES TO DISCUSS
ANY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MATTER OF INTEREST TO RTG.

3. ONLY SUGGESTION MADE BY SNOH FOR ADDITIONAL SUBJECT
WAS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. ECON/CML COUNSELOR SURMISED
THAT USAID MIGHT BE REPRESENTED IN INITIAL SURVEY
MEETING, AND THAT IN ANY EVENT THERE SHOULD BE TIME FOR
A SESSION ON AID IN AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY. SNOH ALSO
INTIMATED THAT MFA HAD IN MIND CABINET LEVEL MEETING AT
SOME STAGE, BUT USG OBJECTIONS TO THIS TYPE SESSION WERE
REITERATED.

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